

MORETON MORRELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th January 2022

PRESENT:

Councillors:	G Slora (Chair), R James (from 8pm) A Parry, C Monks, B Keavy
District Councillor:	A Parry
County Councillor:	
Clerk :	P Routly

Two members of the public

1. Public participation

Gerry Slora explained he had submitted plans to rebuild his house after the fire. There would be some changes but not significant.

2. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Gordon, O'Donnell and Edwards

3. Governance

a) Declaration of interest in items on the agenda

None.

b) Freedom of Information – report on any new requests

None.

c) Code of Conduct / DPI

Cllr Parry declared she had a sum on the payment schedule.

4. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd Nov 2021

The minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd Nov were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Monks, seconded by Cllr Keavy, and unanimously accepted as a true record of proceedings.

5. District Councillors' Report – Cllr Parry

Cllr Parry filed, and took the meeting through the following report:-

MMPC District Councillor Report – January 2022

It's budget time at Stratford District Council and the proposed increase in respect of Council Tax is £5, which would make the council tax bill for a Band D property be £154.12 per annum which represents less than 8% of the total council tax bill.

In preparing the 2022/23 Base Budget, the over-riding principle is to budget for the continuation of services at the existing level. In terms of garden-waste the charge is proposed to increase to £42 for 2022/23 and then by £2 per annum. Car parking charges are planned to remain unchanged.

South Warwickshire District Council

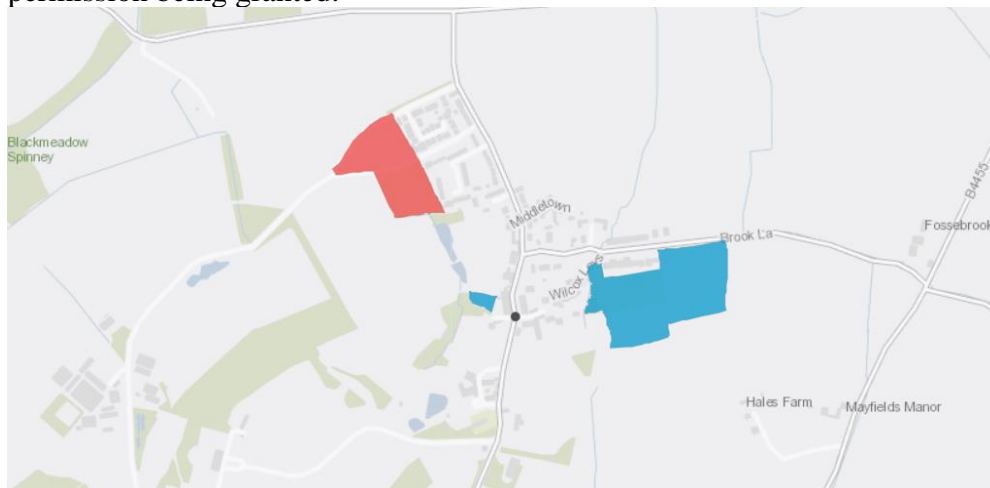
Following the vote by both Stratford District Council and Warwick District Council to progress a merger to form South Warwickshire District Council both councils have embarked in the strategic process that will be required to develop a submission document to the Secretary of State for review on the 'how' and 'outcomes'.

In the meantime, this will involve a considerable amount of work to provide the detailed information that will be required.

Call for Sites Consultation

All of the responses to the initial Scoping and Call for Sites consultation have now been published online. This includes all of the responses to the questions within the Scoping Document, a Consultation Statement, and a complete list of all the sites submitted as part of the 'Call for Sites' exercise. In particular this includes two land areas one off John Taylor Way for residential development and another off Brook Lane for mixed use development.

As Stratford District Council currently has a healthy Five Year Housing Land Supply of 8+ years – neither development can come forward without extensive support until it is included in the new Local Plan/Core Strategy. However, I have received an email from planning consultant Gary Stephens who would welcome the opportunity to discuss a proposal on behalf of Moreton Morrell College in respect of support for the development off John Taylor Way with the playing field retained in perpetuity to the Parish Council, subject to planning permission being granted.



Local Plan

This is to advise that I have contacted Sian Maher at SDC who is responsible for providing advice and guidance to parish councils in the development of their Local Plans and am awaiting feedback on the steps we need to take. I have advised that the household questionnaire is currently live and that we will be doing the analysis of the findings and that our questionnaire was given the green light by Simon Purfield. I have also asked about any costs that may be involved in respect of officer time or consultancy advice.

6. County Councillors' Report – Cllr O'Donnell

Cllr O'Donnell filed the following report:-

As we have reached Blue Monday I encourage you to read the wellbeing initiatives included below on this glorious, if chilly, Monday morning.

Covid19

INFECTION RATES REMAIN V HIGH

The rate of infections across the district has decreased to 1469/100,000, the over 60's rate has decreased to 812/100,000 (818 last week) with 345 cases over the last seven days. Other districts rates in Warwickshire, for all ages, are Nuneaton & Bedworth 2385/100,000, North

Warwickshire 2071/100,000, Warwick 1453/100,000 and Rugby 2009/100,000. Warwickshire overall has 1839/100,000. England 1695/100,000.

HOWEVER WE MUST NOT BE COMPLACENT – IRRESPECTIVE WHETHER WE HAVE 70 OR 1700 CASES per 100,000 we must all STILL be sensible and follow guidance etc,

There have been two further Covid related deaths since last week across Stratford District (total now 158 from the start of this second wave (28th August 2020) 37 occurring in care homes, 104 in hospital, 3 in a hospice and 13 at home and one in a communal establishment, out of a total of 1,920 all cause deaths in the district for this new second wave period.

The cumulative total of deaths across Warwickshire for Wave 2 increased by 9 since my last report to 820 with a total of 8,118 all cause deaths. The cumulative total of Covid-19 deaths in Stratford district is 326 since the start of the pandemic and in Warwickshire 1,421 (12,494 total deaths).

New Year's Honours 2022

The extraordinary achievements of ten people living in Warwickshire have been recognised in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2685/extraordinary-warwickshire-people-on-the-new-year-s-honours-list-2022>

Education funding to support mental health

Warwickshire education settings are being invited by Warwickshire County Council to apply for funding to support the mental health and wellbeing of Warwickshire's children and young people.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2686/warwickshire-education-settings-are-invited-to-apply-for-funding-to-support-mental-health>

Warwickshire House Project in 2022

Over the past year, Warwickshire House Project has continued to support young people who are leaving care across the county to gain independence and move into a property of their own.

Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2689/warwickshire-house-project-looks-forward-to-an-exciting-2022-supporting-the-county-s-care-leavers>

Councillor Grant Scheme 2021/22 Please note that in my first round I was over subscribed and allocated all of my funds to ensure that each application was supported as funds allowed. *Therefore there is no second round for my Cllr Grants.*

WFRS local food bank partnership

Families in Warwickshire received some extra Christmas cheer over the festive season, thanks to the delivery of Christmas hampers, aided along the way by Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2690/warwickshire-fire-rescue-continue-successful-partnership-with-local-food-bank>

Living well for longer

Susan's got her yoga mat... Have you?

By staying active and mobile, you can help yourself to live longer, live well and feel fantastic!

For more tips, visit <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/livingwell>

Warm and well this winter

During spells of cold weather, it's important to try and keep warm.

Here are some tips:

1. Keep moving if you can, get up and walk around every hour
2. Wear a few layers of clothing, rather than one big layer
3. Have warm drinks and meals

Keep yourself Warm and Well in Warwickshire

Keep yourself warm and well in Warwickshire this winter by following our Winter Warmth Checklist at <https://api.warwickshire.gov.uk/documents/WCCC-630-883>

A free advice line is also available at 0800 988 2881.

Brew Monday

The middle of January can be challenging for many people, with the cold winter weather prevailing, and the festive period over, some people may need extra support for their mental health and wellbeing.

Find out how Warwickshire County Council aims to help: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2695/brew-monday-a-cuppa-and-catch-up-for-your-wellbeing>

Get Fishing For Wellbeing

Warwickshire County Council's Kingsbury Water Park is working in partnership with the Angling Trust to encourage residents to connect with nature and improve their wellbeing with the 'Get Fishing for Wellbeing' initiative.

Read more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2694/get-fishing-for-wellbeing>

Wellesbourne Area Chairs Meetings.

On Feb 9th 6-7 pm via zoom

I will hold our first Wellesbourne Area Chairs meeting.

This is an opportunity for Parish Council Chairs to meet with myself and Graham Stanley The Minor Works Team Leader WCC. It is an opportunity to discuss any concerns Parish Councils might have around road safety or highway maintenance within their parish. It will also be an opportunity for Parish Chairs to bid for schemes which I might be able to support through my delegated Cllr Budget.

Parish Chairs will be emailed an invitation.

Missed bins - I'm still getting details of the odd 1 or 2 that has not been collected. Contacts are streetscene@stratford-dc.gov.uk or Telephone: 01789 260616

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/online-forms/missed-bin-report-form.cfm?fbclid=IwAR3vkf03zQgXUsEHH04ODeqfid1b1msbwpVg8DG6nQn47HoAcwmw5LL9Joc>

Reporting out of hours highways issues can be challenging, the best number for that is 01926 415000.

streetlighting@warwickshire.gov.uk or 01926 412515 (not all are currently owned by WCC – some owned by town or parish council.)

<https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Warwickshire>

It is worth noting for future reference that anything immediately dangerous on the highway should be reported direct to the Police on 999, which is the same process for any pressing issue Out of Hours.

During normal office hours - 8:30am to 4:30pm, WCC call centre is best on 01926 412515

Wishing you a safe and happy week.

Penny-Anne O'Donnell
Wellesbourne Division& SEN Cabinet Support.
Please email me with any enquiries as I am waiting for a replacement phone
penny-anneodonnell@warwickshire.gov.uk

7. Warwickshire College Report

The following report was submitted.

Farm

The ewes were pregnancy scanned last week and scanned at 183% which is slightly down on last year however still a good percentage. This means we are expecting over 900 lambs this year, with lambing due to start on the 12th of March and the lambing weekend planned for the 19th/20th of March.

We have just started work on converting 2 barns which were used for hay and straw storage into more cattle housing. These new sheds will be used to house the calves when they first arrive on the farm. This will increase our capacity to 450-500 cows.

With input prices high and an increased focus on the environment we are looking at different ways to reduce costs and become more sustainable. The rise in gas prices has led to fertiliser prices increasing from £220 a tonne last year to £705 a tonne this year. We are therefore looking at testing the soil and growing crop more frequently to assess how it's growing and what nutrients it requires throughout the growing season. We are also trialing some biostimulants which aim to enhance the crops ability to absorb and utilise nutrients. Hopefully this will help us reduce our fertiliser and spray costs and helps our commitment of growing sustainably produced produce.

Estates

This has been a relatively quiet period for the estates team with most of the work on site being targeted at ongoing maintenance and servicing activities. The tasks include; replacing electrical distribution boards in our Suggett Centre, along with replacing/upgrading fire safety systems.

Staff and Students

Countryside management students are working on improving and monitoring the freshwater habitats on the estate with some interesting findings on fish and invertebrate populations.

Agriculture students as part of a project are monitoring grass growth on the new college leys and comparing growth on different soil types and locations over the estate.

Due to the increase of the Omicron variant, our Marketing team took the decision to move our face to face open event at Moreton Morrell College, to a virtual one instead. This can be attended by visiting www.wcg.ac.uk/moretonvirtual on Thursday 20 January (5:30pm - 8pm).

I'm pleased to advise that Angela Joyce and Peter Manford have been awarded fellowships from the Chartered Institution for Further Education (CIFE). The duo were invited to become Fellows in recognition of their excellent leadership and governance of WCG. [Read more](#). The College has also been awarded the Queen's Anniversary Prize for its continued work with employers in the region. The Official ceremony will take place in London in February and will be attended by staff, students and employers.

8. Sub Committee Reports and Updates

a) Playing Field – Cllr Edwards lead / Clerk

i) Update

Cllr Edwards submitted a report stating there were no issues other than muddy entrances on farm drive. The clerk agreed to measure up for matting quotes. *Clerk to follow up.*

b) Planning – Cllr Parry lead

i) WCG Approach on Triangle field

ii) Local Plan survey

Cllr Parry handed out a proposal from a developer representing the College in relation to triangle field. It was decided to invite them to the next meeting. *Clerk / Cllr Parry to arrange.*

Cllr Parry reported she has 96 responses so far to the Local plan survey, it would stay open another week.

c) Speed awareness / Road Safety – Cllr Gordon lead

i) Update

Cllr Parry informed the meeting she had emailed PC Liam Allen to arrange speed gun training as there were now enough volunteers.

d) Village Appearance – All

i) Update

Cllr Monks spoke of litter picking and the fact her daughter Emily had been picking at least a bag of litter for 13 weeks as part of her DOE award. All Cllrs expressed a vote of thanks.

The mud on Brook lane to the Fosse and poor verges was discussed it was agreed to raise at the highways meeting on 7th Feb.

e) Footpaths – Cllr Slora lead

i) Update

Cllr Gordon was thanked for organising the new kissing gates to Little Morrell and Three Gates, and soothing the waters with the land owners. A vote of thanks was given to Mr Wiggin for cutting back his hedges.

f) Village Hall and Church – Cllr Keavy lead

i) Hall Meeting 7th Dec feedback 30th Nov

Cllr Keavy informed the meeting that one new committee member came forward at the meeting (Mrs Jane Cleeton), more were still required. A further meeting was expected soon.

g) College Update

i) Meeting 30th Nov feedback – Cllr Edwards

Cllr Edwards had circulated a report after the meeting on 30th, and a further meeting would be arranged.

9. Matters arising from previous meetings

a) Bank move update- Clerk

The Clerk was handed all the signed bank forms so can now progress the move. *Clerk to action*

b) Queens Jubilee plans

Cllr Edwards had informed the meeting she had booked the pig roast , and Jill Slora had booked the band stage. It was agreed to discuss the marquee options.

c) Community Café future

The Clerk informed the meeting no one had come forward. I was agreed that a more inviting environment in the hall would help and would be discussed in future hall meetings.

10. New items

None.

11. Planning

a. New Applications to consider at this meeting

None.

b. Decisions of committee since last meeting for information

21/03318/FUL Erection of three-bed, single-storey, self-build cottage . Land At Oaktree Close Moreton Morrell . **Support sent**

c. District Decisions for information

21/03152/FUL Proposed front and side extensions with associated alterations.The Strines Duffus Hill Moreton Morrell CV35 9AX . **Permission with conditions**

21/03468/TREE -T1 Japanese cherry - Fell.Randolph Cottage Middletown Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9AU. **Permission with conditions**

21/02550/FUL Erection of a front and rear single storey extension to form additional living accommodation and garage. The Bungalow Fosse Way Moreton Morrell Warwick CV35 9DF.

Permission with conditions

12. Finance

a. Approval of payments (to be circulated)

The following payments were proposed by Cllr Monks, seconded by Cllr James, and approved unanimously.

1.	P Gibbins Villager Dec	£100.00 (paid)
2.	P Routly Salary	£743.36
3.	P Routly Expenses – Nov / Dec	£177.41
4.	BT Hall wifi Dec / Jan (P Routly)	£60.32
5.	PATA payroll	£12.95
6.	EON Elec Nov	£29.62
7.	Npower business Elec Dec	£48.15
8.	Moreton Morrell Hall Rent Jan	£15.00
9.	CJ Carpentry – Village sign	£1200.00
10.	Cllr Gordon expenses – stiles	£52.00
11.	Cllr Parry expenses – local plan	£148.09

b. Receipts (to be circulated)

The Clerk reported the following receipts

1.	VAT Return	£7991.35
2.	Allotment rent	£180.00

c. Grants

The subject of grants was discussed , and it was agreed the hall grant maybe better spent on events rather than the facility as there was assumed there was still a large unspent Covid grant . It was also resolved that all potential grant recipients would be invited to speak at the May meeting .

d. 2022/23 Budget Approval

The Clerk had pre-circulated the proposed budget, after discussion Cllr Parry proposed the budget be accepted, this was seconded by Cllr Keavy and carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was expressed to the Clerk by all Cllrs.

e. 2022/23 Precept Approval – Proposal is increase of 2%

Cllr Parry proposed the Precept of £24000 as highlighted in the budget , a 2% increase , this was seconded by Cllr James and carried unanimously . *Clerk to inform SDC.*

13. Correspondence – all circulated by email

All circulated by email over the past 2 months.

14. Matters of interest – future meeting agenda items.

None.

15. Any other business allowed by Chairman

None.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday 21st March 2022.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.